Waste (Solid)

Solid Waste Composting Permit (SWC)

What Activities Require This Permit? The construction and operation of a solid waste composting facility.

What Is The Purpose of This Permit? To reduce adverse environmental effects from the composting of solid waste and to protect the health of the citizens of North Carolina.

Who Issues This Permit? N.C. Division of Waste Management, Composting and Land Application Branch.

How Much Will This Permit Cost? Fees for Solid Waste Composting facilities are as follows:

Facility Category	Fee
Annual Permit Fee (Large Compost Facilities only)	\$500
New Application - Large Compost Permit (Large Type 1, 2, 3, or 4)	\$50
New Application - Small Compost Permit (Facility is less than 2 acres, and processes or stores less than 1,000 cubic yards of Type 2, 3, or 4 materials per quarter)	\$0
New Application - Small Type 1 Compost Facility (Sites are Yard Waste Notification, see YWN Notification, no permit required. Facility is less than 2 acres, and processes or stores less than 6,000 cubic yards per quarter of yard waste and/or clean wood waste only)	\$0
Compost Pilot and Demonstration Approvals	\$0

See the Solid Waste Section's schedule of permitting fees.

What Are My Payment Options for Permit Application Fees? ePayment or check

If Paying by Check, Who do I Make the Check Payable to and Where Do I Send the Check? Division of Waste Management. See the information provided below under "Where Do I Submit My Application."

Where Can I Get The Application For This Permit? Application guidance is found on the Branch website, see link below, or by contacting Branch staff, 919-707-8200. Requirements are listed in the .1400 rules.

How Long Will It Take To Review My Application? The Composting and Land Application Branch will review each submittal within 30 days of receipt of a complete application.

Where Do I Submit My Application? Submit the complete application to: NC Division of Waste Management, Composting and Land Application Branch, Physical Address: 217 West Jones St., Raleigh, NC 27603, Mailing Address: 1646 Mail Service Center, Raleigh NC 27699-1646.

How Long Is My Permit or License or Certificate Valid? Solid waste compost permits can be issued for up to five years. Compost pilots and demonstrations are issued for one year.

Notes/Comments: In regard to application submittal, the application fee, zoning approval, operation manual, permit application and site plan where applicable must be addressed before an application can be considered complete.

Legal Authority/Statute Reference: G.S. 130A-294; 130A-309.03; 130A-309.11; 130A-309.29.

Link: http://deq.nc.gov/about/divisions/waste-management/solid-waste-section/composting

Statewide Contact Information:

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